**Polio Snapshot Afghanistan**

**May 2020**

- **WPV1 Case in May:** 1
- **WPV1 Cases in 2020:** 12
- **WPV1 Positive Environment Samples in May:** 4
- **Children Vaccinated in May:** 318
- **Suspected COVID-19 Cases Reported:** 5,994
- **Total Surveillance Network Personal Trained in Detecting and Reporting COVID-19 Cases:** 30,898

Data as of 31 May 2020
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AFP ENVIRONMENTAL & COVID19 SURVEILLANCE
• 161 children with Acute Flaccid Paralysis (80 girls and 81 boys) were reported in May. All these cases are pending laboratory classification.
• The non-polio AFP rate remained above 8, stool adequacy above 90%, and non-polio enterovirus rate at 9% in all regions
• Four new WPV1 positive environmental samples were confirmed in May - two from Kandahar and one each from Hilmand and Herat provinces

PEI support to COVID19
Between Jan-May 2020:
• Total 11,530 suspected COVID-19 cases were reported, of which 3,205 people tested positive for the disease
• 1,594 government & NGO partners were trained
• 45,781 health professional (including: paramedics/nurses) were trained
• 30,898 members of the Surveillance Network (community-based surveillance volunteers & Polio Surveillance Focal Points) and 8,951 polio frontline workers were trained

COMPLEMENTARY VACCINATION ACTIVITIES
• 318 children under the age of 10 years were given OPV in UNHCR repatriation centers and IOM sites that received returnees and refugees from Iran
• Polio vaccination activities continued to stay postponed due to COVID-19 outbreak

PEI REPOSITIONED TO SUPPORT COVID-19 RESPONSE
The PEI swiftly repositioned itself at the very beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak to support the response. Using its wide network, the programme has contributed to the surveillance and reporting of COVID-19 cases as well as dissemination of public health messages.

Though polio campaigns had to be postponed due to the pandemic, the programme has continued to maintained its AFP surveillance. This is offering critical insight into where exactly the programme needs to respond most urgently once the campaigns are able to resume.

As part of the on-going COVID-19 response, the programme has trained the Surveillance Network (community-based surveillance volunteers & Polio Surveillance Focal Points), health service providers (public and private), government and NGO staff, and polio frontline workers on COVID-19 and AFP surveillance. On the other hand, religious leaders and community influencers have been trained on disseminating COVID-19 and vaccination related public health messages and reporting AFP cases.